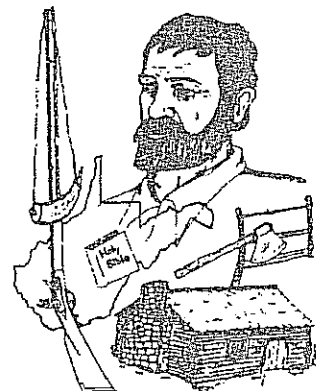


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From the Desk



Of the Director

Today is a beautiful spring day here in central West Virginia. The unseasonably high temperatures have brought the flowers and trees into bloom much earlier than normal. It is a good time to reflect on some of the things we are doing here at the Library.

First, we have plans to increase the information which is available on our "Members Only" site to aid in your research. We are currently indexing the obituaries which have appeared in the issues of the Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram beginning with 1990. These indexes will be searchable and you will be able to order copies of the actual obituary. As more and more of the obituary books are indexed, they will be added. Look for an announcement soon that these are available on the Website.

Also, the Central WV Veterans book II, is very near completion. It has taken longer to finish this project than we anticipated, but you should receive an announcement regarding the publication date, very soon.

We have recently published Volume VII of the Lewis County Death Records which includes records from January, 1962 through September, 1968. It is available for purchase on our website at www.hackerscreek.com or by sending a check for \$38.00 plus \$5.00 shipping to HCPD, 45 Abbotts Run Road, Horner, WV 26372 (WV residents must also add \$2.28 state sales tax). The book contains the death records of over 3200 individuals and includes an index to parents, when known.

It is also time to plan for the 29th Annual Gathering which is scheduled for August 12-14, 2010. A brochure regarding the Gathering and a registration form is included with this Journal. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us! This year's theme is "Hometown Memories" and we will be looking for pictures and stories of your experiences growing up in your hometown to put on our bulletin board and to put in our Gathering booklet.

Till next time,

Betty Ann

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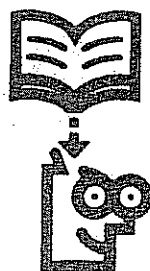
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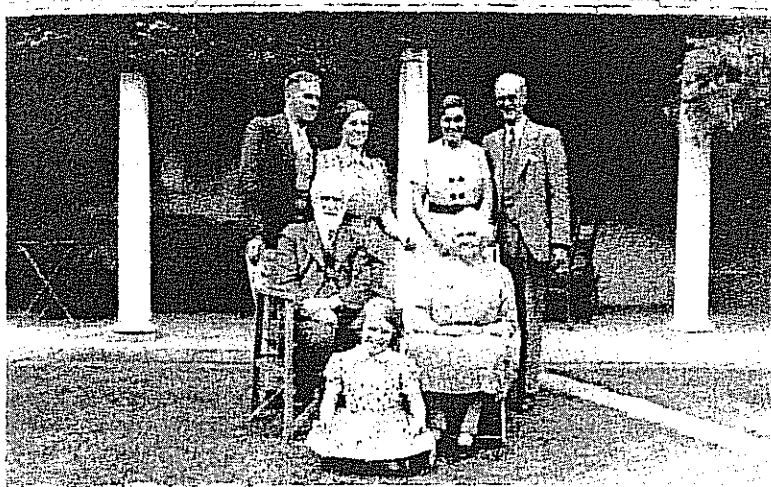
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GIL-JO-0135	Gilmer County Historical Society, INC, VOL 19, Issue 3, July 2009	
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JO-0165-D	LOG (Ledger of Genealogy), Vol 26, #4, Dec 2009	
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LEW-DE-0002-G	Lewis Co. Death Records, Vol VII, from LC Courthouse, Jan 1962-Sep 1968	HCPD
ML-0271-C	Muster Rolls of Roll of PA Volunteers (Gos, War of 1812-1814)	WILFONG, Annie
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RB-0319	List Of The Colonial Soldiers Of Virginia	HAYES, Bill-
SC-0212-A	Palimpsest - Class of 1912 (Weston High School)	
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VA-0019-B	Hopewell Friends History 1734-1934 Frederick County, VA	
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THE “WOW” IN FAMILY RESEARCH

By Lyle CORDER

I got interested in family research in 1989; it is hard to believe I have been doing it for twenty years. It all started when a fellow with the last name the same as mine, **CORDER**, asked me if we were related. I had no idea.

He said he had a notebook belonging to his deceased cousin, Oma **CORDER**, of Doddridge County, West Virginia. Oma was the postmistress in West Union and was known by most people in the area. Following her death, he had obtained a notebook belonging to her and wondered if I could make sense of the **CORDER** information inside. I told him I would be glad to take a look but I had very little information on my **CORDER** family. I did have a paper on my **CORDER** family prepared by a Mr. **GRANT**; it was done about 1930 or so.

I took the notebook home with me and on a quiet Sunday I dumped the contents on our kitchen table. The first item I found was a newspaper clipping about my grandfather **CORDER**'s obituary. Now I was interested.

It seems that Oma was trying desperately to trace her **CORDER** family back in time as far as she could go. It was obvious she was having a difficult time with a particular generation. I spent all day Sunday reading her notes and looking at all the items she had saved over the years. Finally, late Sunday evening, it dawned on me why she was having such a problem. I HAVE BEEN HOOKED ON GENEALOGY EVER SINCE.

Included in the notebook were several letters she had exchanged with a **CORDER** family in England. I read all the letters with great interest. One letter contained a picture of a Henry **CORDER** family taken in 1939. It was a golden anniversary picture taken at Alfoxden, Holford, Somerset, England.

There were three married couples in the picture and a little girl in front named Judith Mary **CORDER**. She looked to be about six years of age.

In 1992 I bought a family history booklet on my **CORDER** family. It was from an outfit located in Ohio. It was one of those phony books that really doesn't tell you much about a family; they are just in it for the money. I knew what I was getting; I was desperate for any information about my family. At the end of the book was a list of **CORDER**s located around the world. It included mailing addresses.

I wrote to several **CORDER**s in other countries and surprisingly received several replies. I sent a letter to a Judith **CORDER** in Somerset, England. Keep in mind, fifty-three years had passed since the anniversary picture was taken in 1939. Judith **CORDER** replied and she was the little girl in the picture. Obviously, she had never married. She was very nice and told me a great deal about her family and everybody in the picture. I have no idea if I am related to this family, but, that doesn't really matter. It was a WOW moment for me.

Over the years I have done a lot of research for other people. When they write back and say WOW, it really makes my day and reminds me what family research is all about. I hope all our members enjoy many WOW moments.

Some Pages from the Story of Lewis County in the World War

As told by Lawrence PROUDFOOT to Roy Bird COOK

Note from the Editor

I had every intention of continuing this series in this issue of the Journal. However, and I don't know how, I have misplaced the book somewhere in my office. I undoubtedly will find it sooner or later. When I do, I'll pick up the issue where I left off. I'm Sorry.

Understanding the Importance of the Arnold-Edwards Property

by Otis L. Reed & Joy L. Stalnaker

The property on the northwest corner of the intersection of First Street and Center Avenues in Weston, West Virginia, more specifically known as the site of the **ARNOLD-EDWARDS** house, has been the subject of much controversy since 1976 and most especially for the last year.

Because the site is so deeply steeped in local history, county officials and the public should fully understand its importance.

This article addresses the issues by reviewing the topic from the standpoint of the land, the house itself and the people who lived there. All of this, looked at together, help determine the importance of this property.

The Land

Although records showing early ownership are a bit sketchy, it is certain that the property was once part of a farm established by early pioneer Henry **FLESHER** around 1776. Subsequently, **FLESHER**'s settlement was the site of furious encounters with Native Americans. Upon **FLESHER**'s death in 1802, the land, including this site and the surrounding area, passed to his son, Henry **FLESHER, Jr.**

At a date not known, Henry Jr. sold the land to Joseph Johnson, Lewis **MAXWELL** and John G. **STRINGER**. Later, when the farm was selected as the county seat for the new county of Lewis (1817), the subject property was surveyed out alongside the site provided for the courthouse.

The trio sold the "publick squire" to the county for three hundred dollars and employed Col. Edward **JACKSON** to lay off lots and streets for the town. The town was first called Preston and then Fleshersville before being named Weston in December 1819.

The first proprietor after it became part of the town was Benjamin **BASSEL**. Next it was bought back by John G. **STRINGER**. **STRINGER** soon passed this property to land speculators John J. **ALLEN** and Gideon D. **CAMDEN**. That duo, in turn, sold it to John **FLESHER**, a son of the original owner who, it so happened, was married to Sarah **JACKSON**, a daughter of Colonel **JACKSON**, the surveyor. These transactions were all fairly tranquil.

However, on 26 October 1841, John **FLESHER** conveyed the lot to Richard H. **RIDDLE**. (did the **FLESHERs** then move to Illinois?) At

this, some of **Riddle's** creditors came forward and demanded that the property be seized and disposed of on their behalf - and it was so done by decree of the circuit court of Lewis County. The new owners were John **LORENTZ** and ??? But, astonishingly, that pair never paid for this new possession. That caused an order to be pronounced by the circuit court, "on the 7th day of June 1851," directing a resale of the property. It was then purchased by George Jackson **ARNOLD** who owned it for the rest of his long life.

Interestingly, **ARNOLD** was a serious dabbler in land and, although wealthy, chose to pay for this new purchase over time. And when he had retired the debt in September of 1865 it was found that the title was in doubt. Apparently when **ALLEN** and **CAMDEN** sold the lot to **FLESHER**, no one recorded the deed. At this point **ARNOLD** paid a dollar to **ALLEN** and **CAMDEN** and received a clear title.

Curiously, it seems that the new title was somewhat flawed. All the above transactions also included two additional lots being conveyed as a package with the subject lot. The action providing the new deed speaks of them as being lots, ... "Nos 1 & 2 situated on the East side of High Street (now called Court Street) accordingly." Study shows **ARNOLD** later in possession of lots one and two on the west side of Court Street.

After G. Jackson **ARNOLD's** death on 26 September 1899, the property was part of a partition of real estate. On 20 June 1900, **ARNOLD's** executor sold the property to James Hoffman **EDWARDS**, a nephew-by-marriage of **ARNOLD's**. **EDWARDS'** wife, Gertrude B. **BRANNON**, was the daughter of **ARNOLD's** sister, Hetta J. **ARNOLD BRANNON**, and her husband, Henry **BRANNON**.

Less than two weeks later, on 2 July 1900, **EDWARDS** transferred the property to his in-laws, Henry and Hetta J. **ARNOLD BRANNON**. The same day, 2 July 1900, the **BRANNONs** by deed recorded in Deed Book 38, p. 186, transferred the property to their daughter Gertrude B. **BRANNON EDWARDS**. Since no reason is given for this strange transfer of property, one can only surmise the reasons behind this transfer by deed from a couple to the wife's parents and then by the parents back to the wife of the couple.

Later when Gertrude **BRANNON-EDWARDS** passed the property on to her daughter, Gertrude Louise **EDWARDS**. Louise would be the last person to occupy the house as a home, doing so up until it's purchase by the Lewis County Court in early 1977.

The House

County tax records show a large part of the existing house was built on the site in 1829 by Benjamin **BASSEL**. He seems not to have ever lived there but to

have extended it to renters.

Although the Weston walking tour map and various other writings state that the building was erected in 1887, such is surely wrong. That date likely indicates the date of a major modification. Indeed, an entry in the tax records for that year shows that the assessor doubled the assessed value and gave as a reason "1500 added by assessor for new building."

It is now believed that in writing "building" the scribe meant the verb (to frame, construct) not the noun (an edifice for any use). This is supported by an 1890s photograph that shows an older red house connected to a vast new section built behind it.

The earliest literary mention of the house seems to be the George P. **OLIVER** account, (written in 1890) in which he cites it while taking an imaginary account of a walk about town in 1844. Says he, "Continuing a description of the old residences of the town, our last letter brought us up to the G. J. **ARNOLD** brick which was the only remaining house on the East side of Center Street [coming south]." **OLIVER**'s accounts are considered generally reliable by local historians.

Early maps exist although somewhat suspect since they are based on a simple survey map altered by people trying to remember the town of long ago. The first is dated 1837. It seems to show an L-shaped edifice on the site but fails to name the occupant. A second map printed in 1902 and purporting to show Weston in 1852 says the house was occupied by one of the Holt family. Interestingly enough, this map shows a small building on the corner of the lot. That was, indeed, an early part of the property. It was a law office

Roy Bird Cook's map produced for *Lewis County in the Civil War* was created about 1924, but does show George Jackson **ARNOLD** on the property. The first tax records that show **ARNOLD** as the owner (1856) report the buildings to be valued at \$850, the lot to be worth \$1,175, and the tax to be \$4.70.

But the best map and only honest one of them all, is *Gray's New Map of Weston, Lewis County, West Virginia*, printed in 1879. It shows the law office to be almost on the sidewalk and presents an L-shaped house on the lot. The layout of the house seems to present a moderate-sized building fronting Center Avenue with a projecting ell, on the courthouse side, to the back of the edifice.

The 1890 photograph of Weston mentioned above shows that not long thereafter the ell of the building was filled in doubling the available floor space and producing the boxy building we see today. Despite these changes, however, the house still had not the amenities admired today. A 1906 photograph of our town suggests that these result from changes made after the **ARNOLDS** sold the property to the **EDWARDS**.

In the late 1960s, county court commissioners Raymond **SQUIRES**, _____ and Daril W. **STALNAKER**, aware that the courthouse was needing some major repairs and that there was a need for more room for employees and records, began to save money in the county coffers to build a new courthouse.

Alas, this was not to be. In late 1975 or early 1976, with Haymond **RASTLE**, Raymond **SQUIRES** and Richard **BONNETT** now serving on the county court, Richard L. **SMITH** of Architectural Associates of Charleston was contracted to conduct feasibility studies of needs, repairs and renovations needed.

In September 1976, they received the architect's recommendations which included, according to the Weston Democrat issue of 15 September: "using the lower level of the new addition. . . marked to be used for the county magistrates and other offices, the street level for the county clerk and assessor. In the old courthouse the sheriff's department and cooperative and extension service offices would be on the second level. The third floor would be entirely devoted to the judicial proceedings in the circuit court with jury rooms, courtroom, prosecuting attorney's office, law library, and the circuit clerk's office."

The commissioners moved forward with repairs and renovations and began the process to acquire the **ARNOLD-EDWARDS** site for a three-story annex. Shortly thereafter, appraisers were appointed to determine the value of the **ARNOLD-EDWARDS** property and a hearing was set for early January 1977.

The hearing was in Lewis County before Circuit Judge J. C. Nutter of Harrison County with Russell **STOBBS** as attorney for the county and Boyd L. Warner, a Clarksburg attorney, representing Gertrude L. **EDWARDS**. At the hearing, the judge determined that the county government had the right to take private property for public use and set a value of \$61,406 on the **ARNOLD-EDWARDS** property.

Ms. **EDWARDS**, at a hearing in February, was able to collect an additional \$3020 for her property.

She vacated the house within 60 days and relocated in Florida where she died a couple of years later.

With the **ARNOLD-EDWARDS** house now their property and the repairs and renovations ongoing in the old courthouse, the commission began to realize that they were going to run out of money before they ran out of work to do, particularly razing the **ARNOLD-EDWARDS** house and building the annex.

BONNETT, questioned about this recently, said, "Our intention as to build, but we ran out of money. We had problems we could not have known at that time.

"For example, we hit quicksand when we installed the elevator shaft.

"In those days, we didn't even consider borrowing. Times have changed!

"Our county budget was \$350,000 then. Today it is \$6.4 million. There is no comparison."

Since they were out of money, the commissioners decided to bring the Extension Office from the second floor of the Camden Hotel building (now United Bank) where they were paying rent and install them in the **ARNOLD-EDWARDS** House.

"We did some repairs to the **ARNOLD-EDWARDS** House at that time, including

painting it to match the courthouse. Ed LYDON was the contractor on that work," said BONNETT.

Other than those repairs and fixing things like leaking pipes, little if anything has been done to the **ARNOLD-EDWARDS** House since that time.

The People

Owner George Jackson **ARNOLD** (1815-1899) was a major figure in Lewis County. While some sources indicate he was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, others say Fauquier County. The entire **ARNOLD** family settled in the **JACKSON**ville area in the southern part of Lewis County around 1830. As well as George J., they are known to include brother William E. **ARNOLD** (whose home stood across Center Street from the **ARNOLD-EDWARDS** house until recently), and brother Porter M. **ARNOLD** who came to grief in the Civil War as shall be discussed.

According to at least one local history, Jackson **ARNOLD** was a successful farmer, a noted hunter, a surgeon, and an able lawyer. These glowing summations have been sullied somewhat over the years. Other observations suggest that **ARNOLD** commonly extended his land surveys in attempts to gobble up bits of neighboring properties. He is said to have fathered numerous illegitimate children in the southern end of the county. And it is believed by some that he was implicated in a revenge killing. None of these colorful flaws seem to have impaired his popularity in the community, however. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney in 1852 and 1856, sent to the Virginia Legislature in 1861, and chosen for the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1878.

A confirmed bachelor for more than half his life, the 1850 census shows him living at the Bailey House Inn. This may have been solely while court was in secession for, by that time, he was creating a plantation in the southern end of the county.

Once he bought the property on the northeast corner of First Street and Center Avenue in 1851, however, he seems to have been a regular resident, although he may have rented it to Alexander Scott **WITHERS** until Wither's wife died in 1854. **ARNOLD**'s mother, Prudence **JACKSON ARNOLD**, died there in 1855.

In 1860 George Jackson **ARNOLD** was living at the house on the corner with a woman named Harriet. Since no surname is provided, she must have been a relative keeping house for the old bachelor. Statistics from the census of that year show **ARNOLD** to be worth \$140,000, which was a sizable fortune for the time. In later years he was said to have been the second richest man in the county.

As stated above, **ARNOLD** was elected to the Virginia Legislature in 1861. Through this, he was soon dragged into the significant difficulties attending the time. By January 1861, he had been called into an extra session at Richmond

where it was decided to call a convention to settle the matter of secession from the Union. The vote was for secession.

Although the very epitome of a rustic southern planter, **ARNOLD** was unfailingly loyal to the Union.

And when Virginia seceded, he soon took up his duties in the Legislature of the Restored Government of Virginia in Wheeling under Governor Francis **PIERPONT**. Then there was a further complication. Although against secession from the Union, **ARNOLD** was equally opposed to secession from Virginia, a matter that was soon brought to the table by people west of the mountains. Nonetheless, **ARNOLD** served on the committee that prepared the bill for the formation of the new state, and is said to have written the act creating West Virginia. Strangely, when it had passed he resigned his post in the reformed Virginia government and returned to Weston.

The making of a new state from an existing state was a unique happening in American history and everything related to that event deserves preservation for the American people and their descendants

Even though many of his prominent neighbors were "Secesh," **ARNOLD** lived openly among them on returning home. He was more uneasy on the occasions when Southern forces captured and held the town, however, for having served in the reorganized Virginia government, he was liable to a charge of treason against Virginia. On such occasions he would retire quietly into a hiding place under the house. The area below the back stairs is generally pointed out as the area.

Supposed treason was not the only reason for **ARNOLD** to sometimes hide away. On October 19, 1861, members of a Union unit descended on Jacksonville and seized three citizens, among them Porter M. **ARNOLD** - brother of G. J. **ARNOLD**. The prisoners were marched south a short distance, stood to the side of the road, and shot at' execution style. The leader of this outrage was one William G. Pierson. Just why he did so is unknown, although he and P. M. **ARNOLD** had been at odds in court over the past year. Perhaps he merely decided to carry the matter to a higher power.

Porter **ARNOLD** was mortally wounded in the affair, and although Pierson was arrested and brought to the Weston, he was soon released by the military to walk the community a free and dangerous man. This was undoubtedly a cause of unease and rancor within the old house on the corner. As a result, on September 20, 1864, persons unknown stood behind the house in Jane Lew where Pierson was living and shot him to death when he came out to wash up early in the morning. It is believed by some that George Jackson **ARNOLD** directed the killing and hired and paid the perpetrators.

ARNOLD's life was no more usual following the war. In 1866 he married Anne **SWICK**, a woman 32 years his junior, and set about raising a sizable family. He died in 1899. Although a renter instead of an owner, Alexander Scott **WITHERS** is an equally important person who once lived in the old house. He was the writer of

Chronicles of Border Warfare, the first book printed WEST of the mountains of Virginia. It presented and preserved the names and anecdotes regarding early settlement and, as edited and annotated by Reuben Gold THWAITES, is considered a prime source regarding the frontier period. Born in 1792 in Fauquier County, Virginia, WITHERS moved to Lewis County in 1832 and lived much of his life around Weston. Although he died in Parkersburg, he lies buried in the ARNOLD Cemetery on the hill at the south end of Center Avenue.

ARE YOU 30 OR OVER?

Submitted by Rocky Swisher

If you are 30, or older, you might think this is hilarious!

When I was a kid, adults used to bore me to tears with their tedious diatribes about how hard things were. When they were growing up; what with walking twenty-five miles to school every morning.... Uphill... Barefoot... BOTH ways... yadda, yadda, yadda

And I remember promising myself that when I grew up, there was no way in hell I was going to lay a bunch of crap like that on my kids about how hard I had it and how easy they've got it!

But now that I'm over the ripe old age of thirty, I can't help but look around and notice the youth of today. You've got it so easy! I mean, compared to my childhood, you live in a damn Utopia!

And I hate to say it, but you kids today, you don't know how good you've got it!

I mean, when I was a kid we didn't have the Internet. If we wanted to know something, we had to go to the damn library and look it up ourselves, in the card catalog!!

There was no email!! We had to actually write somebody a letter - with a pen! Then you had to walk all the way across the street and put it in the mailbox, and it would take like a week to get there! Stamps were 10 cents!

Child Protective Services didn't care if our parents beat us. As a matter of fact, the parents of all my friends also had permission to kick our ass! Nowhere was safe!

There were no MP3's or Napsters or iTunes! If you wanted to steal music, you had to hitchhike to the record store and shoplift it yourself!

Or you had to wait around all day to tape it off the radio, and the DJ would usually talk over the beginning and @#*% it all up! There were no CD players! We had tape decks in our car... We'd play our favorite tape and

"eject" it when finished, and then the tape would come undone rendering it useless. Cause, hey, that's how we rolled, Baby! Dig?

We didn't have fancy crap like Call Waiting! If you were on the phone and somebody else called, they got a busy signal, that's it!

There weren't any freakin' cell phones either. If you left the house, you just didn't make a damn call or receive one. You actually had to be out of touch with your "friends". OH MY GOD !!! Think of the horror... not being in touch with someone 24/7!!! And then there's TEXTING. Yeah, right. Please! You kids have no idea how annoying you are.

And we didn't have fancy Caller ID either! When the phone rang, you had no idea who it was! It could be your school, your parents, your boss, your bookie, your drug dealer, the collection agent... you just didn't know!!! You had to pick it up and take your chances, mister!

We didn't have any fancy PlayStation or Xbox video games with high-resolution 3-D graphics! We had the Atari 2600! With games like 'Space Invaders' and 'Asteroids'.

Your screen guy was a little square! You actually had to use your imagination!!! And there were no multiple levels or screens, it was just one screen... Forever! And you could never win. The game just kept getting harder and harder and faster and faster until you died! Just like LIFE!

You had to use a little book called a TV Guide to find out what was on! You were screwed when it came to channel surfing! You had to get off your ass and walk over to the TV to change the channel!!! NO REMOTES!!! Oh, no, what's the world coming to?!

There was no Cartoon Network either! You could only get cartoons on Saturday Morning. Do you hear what I'm saying? We had to wait ALL WEEK for cartoons, you spoiled little rat-finks! And we didn't have microwaves. If we wanted to heat something up, we had to use the stove! Imagine that!

And our parents told us to stay outside and play... all day long. Oh, no, no electronics to soothe and comfort. And if you came back inside... you were doing chores!

And car seats - oh, please! Mom threw you in the back seat and you hung on. If you were lucky, you got the "safety arm" across the chest at the last moment if she had to stop suddenly, and if your head hit the dashboard, well that was your fault for calling "shot gun" in the first place!

See! That's exactly what I'm talking about! You kids today have got it too easy. You're spoiled rotten! You guys wouldn't have lasted five minutes back in 1980 or any time before!

Regards,
The Over 30 Crowd

Y-DNA tests of WEST cousins Reinforce Paper Trail to Accomack, Va.

by E. Kent West², 01 February, 2010

Ancestry of Great-Grandfather Thomas WEST, b 1832,

Personal knowledge and information obtained from my parents, grandparents, cousins and public records confirms my great-grandfather was Thomas WEST, b 1832, #18³, and was the first of my WEST ancestors to settle in Clay County, W.Va. The line from Thomas WEST #18 back to his grandfather, Alexander WEST Sr. , #59, [#268] was traced by a search of birth, death, marriage, military and census records and was later incorporated in an article titled; "Thomas WEST (b. 1832) of Clay County, W.Va. — His Origins" and published in Hacker's Creek Journal, Volume XIX, Issue 3, pages 133-139.

According to research by the highly respected Elmer D. WEST⁴, Alexander WEST Sr. #59 [#268] was our first common ancestor. Elmer descended from Alexander's second marriage to Mary STRALEY. Along with many other cousins, I descend from Alexander and his first wife, Malina "Linney" HUGHES. Although Elmer did not identify or research the children of the first marriage he does acknowledge they existed. Even though Elmer's book omits the WEST-HUGHES descendants it remains an important source to all his cousins, since it traces the line of Alexander #59 to his great-great-grandfather Lt. Col John WEST #666 [#3] the son of Anthony WEST #681, [#1], the latter being the first of this line to arrive in Virginia from England. Over the years the confidence in Elmer's data has been reinforced by follow-up with contacts on the Virginia Eastern Shore and by the fact that his book was accepted and is referenced as a source in a publication⁵ compiled and sponsored by The Order of First Families of Virginia, 1607-1624/5

Y-DNA Chromosome Testing Progress

Having a family line determined, but with some areas of thin substantiation, it seemed in July 2007 to be the appropriate time to investigate Y-

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³ Numbers shown thus; #18, refer to arbitrarily assigned identification numbers used in my genealogy data base. When shown thus; [# XXX] they refer to identification numbers used by Elmer D. WEST

⁴ West, Elmer D. Some Descendants of Anthony WEST of Accomack, Virginia. Silver Springs Maryland: Private Printing, 1980.

⁵ Dorman, John Frederick, Ed.: Adventurers of Purse and Person Virginia 1607-1624/5. Fourth Edition, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. (three volumes.)

DNA chromosome testing among our living male WEST cousins with the hope of verifying our genealogy paper trail. Motivated by a reading of Jim BARTLETT's article titled; "DNA — A New Tool for Genealogists" in the *Hacker's Creek Journal*, volume XXV, Issue 2, I selected Family Tree DNA as the organization to test my DNA. The 37 marker Y-DNA test results were entered in the WEST Family DNA Project of the Family Tree DNA organization.

In November of 2007 I was informed that Family Tree DNA had found an individual whose DNA was a perfect match of 32 out of the 32 markers he had available for comparison with my 37 markers. Although we both were tested for 37 markers his tests were not done by the Family Tree DNA and 5 of his 37 markers were located at a different position on the Y-chromosome and were not available for comparison. This first matching cousin had been listed in the WEST Family Project for some time, but no other match had been found. As a result of our match a new WEST Family Group was formed consisting of only the two of us. The matching cousin is Robert Charles WEST #1854 who submitted his Y-DNA at the request of his sister, Natalie (WEST) EVANS. Natalie and Robert are great-grandchildren of Jesse Cottle WEST #1778.

In April 2008 a third individual, Thomas Granville WEST #1786, was added to the WEST Family Group and his Y-DNA matched 36 of my 37 markers. He is a grandson of Albert WEST #1774. Jesse and Albert were sons of Thomas WEST Jr. #1353 by his second wife Mary Ann FRAME. We three cousins were already known to each other and had a fairly well documented paper trail even before the verification provided by our Y-DNA match.

In July, 2008 we learned that a previously unknown cousin, Dennis M. WEST — a great-great-grandson of William Clayton/Currie/Curry? WEST #1507— matched my Y-DNA in 37 of 37 markers and became the fourth WEST male in our family known to have Alexander WEST Sr. #59 as a common ancestor. Subsequent correspondence between the DNA matched four cousins has allowed us to make corrections and additions to our data and reinforces that portion of our paper trail leading from the present WEST's to their WEST Fort, Va. ancestors from Accomack. Please refer to the abbreviated box chart identified as; *Figure 1, Y-DNA Trail to Lt. Col. John West, Son of Anthony*, at the end of this article for a better visualization of the tie of these four cousins. The significance of these findings may not be appreciated by the reader unless he considers the statement by Jim BARTLETT in his Hacker's Creek Journal article in which he states; "if two people have the same DNA, they must be related; if they have different DNA, they can't be related." Having this statement in mind it becomes quite significant to any person who feels his paper trail evidence leaves some doubt that he descends from the Alexander #59 family line. If the DNA of the person in doubt matches the four cousin's DNA he can be confident he has a common ancestor in the Alexander WEST #59 family line. If the DNA does not match it indicates a need for additional research.

Y-DNA Chromosome Test Links WEST Fort, Va. WESTs to Anthony of Accomack

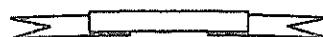
In June of 2008 an opportunity for a more significant DNA match developed. That November I was contacted by a seventh cousin, once removed. He had just visited his first cousin, Agnes Hope (WEST) Hancock, a resident of Onancock, Va., with whom I had been communicating and she told him of my search for a male WEST descendant of Anthony WEST willing to compare his Y-DNA test results with that of the WEST Fort cousins. This seventh cousin is the first of this line to leave the Virginia Eastern Shore so there appears to be no weak period in his and Agnes' family history as exists in my Edmund WEST #618 [268] line⁶. Conversation with the newly discovered cousin led me to understand that he was only casually interested in family research. However his son my eight cousin, Mark Lee WEST #1942 [1820] was interested, but was not actively doing family research. Mark had/has in his possession a copy of a document prepared by Sarah Ann (SHIELD) STEELE [#1288], his first cousin once removed, that included his family line back to our eighth great-grandfather, Lt. Col. John WEST, the son of Anthony WEST. Subsequently Mark's Y-DNA specimen was submitted to Family Tree DNA and his 37 markers revealed a perfect match of 37 of 37 to both my markers and those of Dennis M. WEST. As shown in Figure 1 one of the two parallel family lines originates with Col. John and terminates with Mark, the second family line terminates with the four West's Fort Y-DNA matching cousins. The significance of this match between Mark WEST and the WEST Fort cousins is that it bridges over the weak period in the cousin's line and reinforces the paper trail provided by Elmer D. WEST, (see Note 3.)

Expansion of WEST Family History Anticipated through Increased Y-DNA Testing.

⁶ Edmund's migration into the 1770s Virginia frontier removed him from the more stable and organized society existing in the two Virginia Counties east of the Chesapeake. On Virginia's Eastern Shore some public records had been created and preserved over the approximately 130 years since the family had arrived from England, however that was not the situation on the western frontier. Considering the separation of Edmund by distance from his origin; the hazards of travel, Indian raids, his meager inheritance from his father's 1760 will, and perhaps aggravated by differences in political, religious and slavery issues, it seems unlikely there was any further communication between Edmund and his parental home. Almost surely the disconnect of Edmund and his descendants from his Eastern Shore relatives made it difficult to maintain a store of family history over the next hectic 100 year period. Thus the family's early history largely faded from the descendants' memories while they received little or no updates on changes that were currently taking place within and around the distant family they left behind.

These matches reported upon above, few as they are, open up the opportunity for many more West's to confirm— through Y-DNA test comparisons — whether or not they have Lt. Col. John **WEST** as a common ancestor. It should be noted that John not only had sons Anthony and Alexander as shown in Figure 1, but seven sisters and four other sons; John the elder, Benony /Bennony", Jonathan, and John the younger. It is to be hoped that a male **WEST** will be found whose Y-DNA test will extend the ties to the English ancestors of Lt. Col. John **WEST** and in so doing answer the question, "What, if any, was the relationship of Anthony **WEST** to the Lord de La Warr, Thomas **WEST**?"

SEE THE FAMILY CHART ON PAGES 24-25.



Nona M. Norman
Wife Of Historian Don Norman Dies
(03/12/2010)

A well-known Rosedale woman, Nona M. **NORMAN**, 76, who resided in Elyria Ohio, was discovered dead in Steer Creek last weekend near the **NORMAN** family farm.

She was the wife of noted genealogist and historian Donald E. **NORMAN**, they were married 56 years.

Family members indicated Ms. **NORMAN** had been helping her husband with yard work, and apparently took ill and wandered to the creek.

She was born November 19, 1933 in Clay County, and graduated from Clay County High School in 1952. She was formerly employed by the Elyria City Schools and by Northern Ohio Regional Resource Center in Oberlin from where she retired. She was a member of First United Presbyterian Church in Elyria, and an amateur radio operator with call letters N8CKS, she has also been a volunteer for Project Joy.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a sister, Nina M. **BROWN** of Elyria.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Frona **SAMS**; sisters, Shirley **FARMER** and Malissa **KERR** and brothers, Clotten, George and Adrian **SAMS**.

Reverend Rick **STEIN** officiated.. Burial was in Brookdale Cemetery, Elyria. A memorial service was held at the Steer Creek Church of Christ, Rosedale Rd. on April 10 .

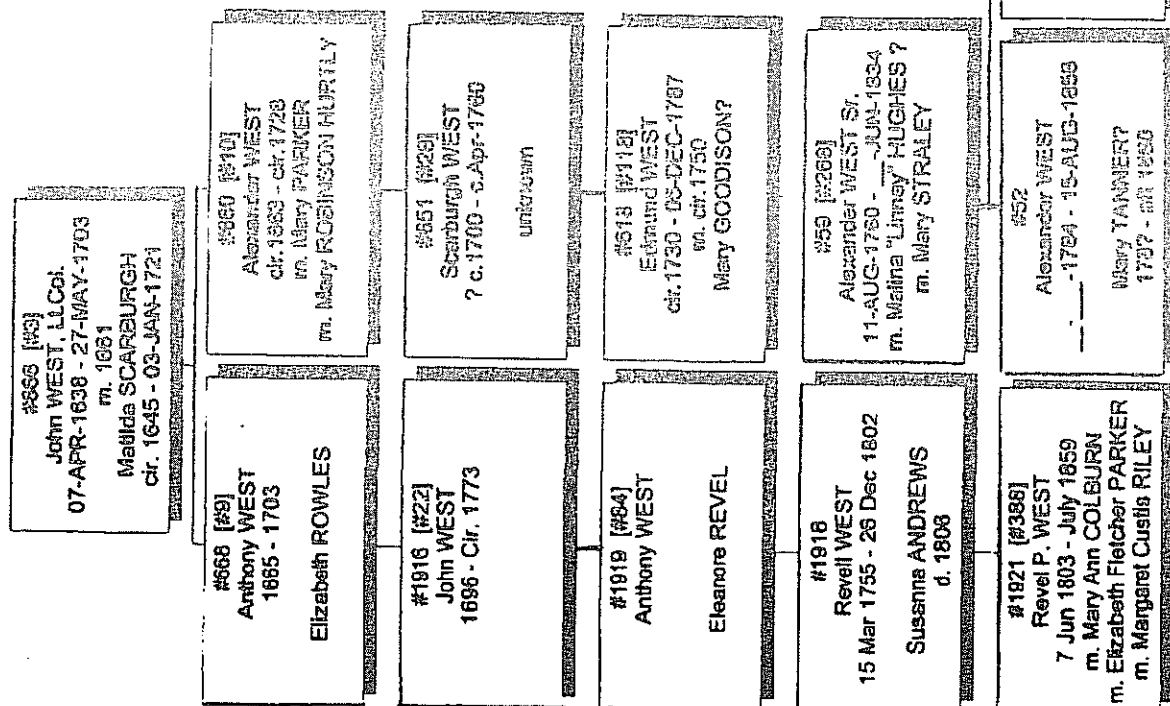
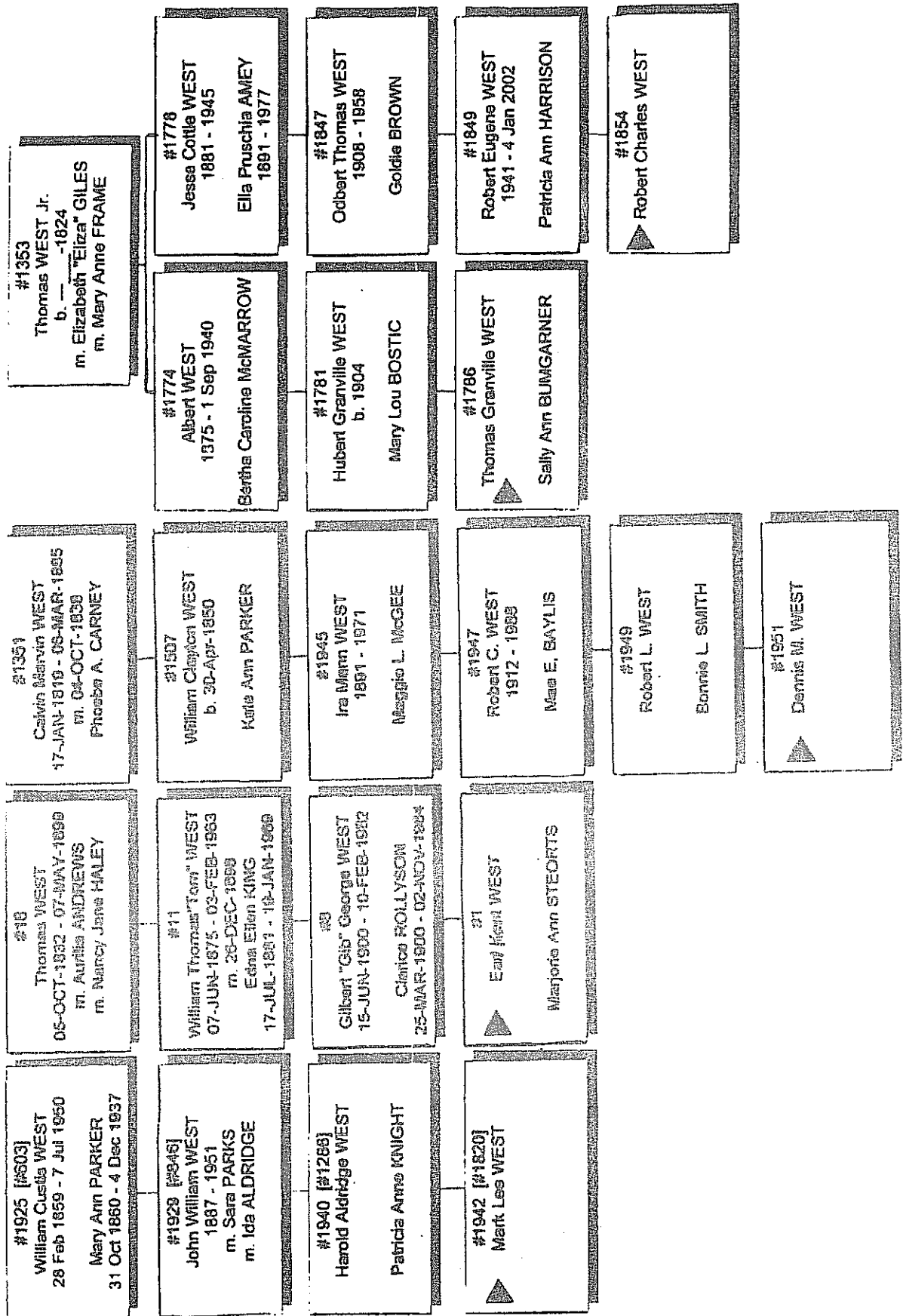


Figure 1, Y-DNA Trail to Lt. Col. John West, Son of Anthony

Cousins with Y-DNA matches are indicated thus: ▶



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Early Marriage Laws In Virginia/West Virginia by Susan Scouras

"The marriage of John LAYDON and Ann BURRUS was the first solemnized in Virginia, and it is probable that their daughter Virginia was the first child born in the colony." So writes W. G. STANARD in "Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents," *Virginia Historical Magazine*, Volume 5, 1898. The marriage took place in 1608, and in 1636 John LAYDON was granted 200 acres of land "for the personal adventure of himself and his wife into this Colony," an act thought to be in recognition of the significance of this marriage as the first in Virginia. (Also in 1636, LAYDON was awarded an additional grant of 500 acres, possibly in recognition of his daughter's birth as the first among the colonists in Virginia.) Then, as now, marriage was regarded as a vital event, both in social and legal terms. Surprisingly to many, marriage was not always of religious importance. While the Church of England was the official religion of the colony of Virginia, exception was made for specific religious groups who did not require religious sanctification of the union of a man and a woman as husband and wife, seeing marriage as a secular matter.

Some of the earliest laws enacted in the colony of Virginia were concerned with marriage. References to articles about marriage take up three full columns in the *Virginia Historical Index*, by E. G. SWEM. For over three centuries various governing bodies, whether colonial, county, city or commonwealth, have paid great attention to the definition and regulation of parties eligible to be married, of ministers and others authorized to perform marriages, of fees to be charged by ministers and clerks, of recording requirements, of bonding and licensing, etc.

An act in 1628 forbade marriages "without lycence or asking in church." In 1632, in the same group of acts that empowered church wardens to collect penalties of one shilling for each unexcused absence from church and that required ministers to preach one sermon every Sunday, it was stated that "noe mynister shall celebrate matrymony betweene any persons without a facultie or lycense graunted by the Governor except the banes of matrymony have beene first published three severall Sondayes or holidayes" in a church located where the parties lived. The act forbade marriages to be performed "at any unseasonable tymes, but onlie betweene the howres of eight and twelve in the forenoone," and required consent of parents or guardians for parties under 21. Also in 1632, an act was passed requiring all preaching, administration of communion, baptizing of children and marriages to be performed in the church, "except in cases of necessitie." [*The Statutes at Large; Being a Collection of all the Laws of Virginia*, Volume I, by William Waller HENING, 1823.]

Laws pertaining to punishment of indentured servants who married in secret without the permission of their master or widowed mistress (implication being that if the master were alive, the mistress's consent alone was not acceptable)—and were discovered—were enacted in the 1642 and 1657 Virginia Grand Assembly sessions. The 1642 act punished male indentured servants by adding one year to their servitude, female indentured servants by doubling the time of their service, and freemen who secretly married indentured females by doubling the value of the woman's service and by requiring payment of a fine of 500 pounds of tobacco to the parish. The 1657 law reduced the penalty for females to an additional year of service, and eliminated the fine for freemen. Free women are not mentioned. The marriages themselves were not invalidated. There were additional consequences for unlawful unions, in or out of wedlock, that produced a child. [*Laws of Virginia*, Volume I, HENING, 1823.]

In 1661, the Grand Assembly enacted a law requiring the posting of bonds as a remedy to problems caused by persons marrying outside their home parishes where their marital status and character presumably were known, and by the fact that most licenses were issued by the governor, "whose knowledge of persons cannot possibly extend over the whole country." The purpose of bonding was to insure against any legal action should the marriage not take place due to either party declining to go through with the union, or should one of the parties be found ineligible for marriage, the prime reasons for ineligibility being that the groom or bride was already married to someone else, or was underage and lacked parental approval to wed.

The law stated that "all persons desiring lycences for marriage shall first repaire to the clerke of the county court and there give bond with sufficient security that there is noe lawfull cause to obstruct their said marriage and that upon receipt of such bond the said clerke shall write the lycence and certifie to the first in commission for that county, or such other when it shall please the governor to depute that he hath taken bond as aforesaid who by vertue thereof shall signe the said lycence and direct the same to the minister." The actual amount required for a bond was not specified. The county sheriff or other collector for the county was to be given a copy of each licence in order to collect the fees and remit them to the proper officers.

I used a couple of currency calculators on the Internet to convert pounds and shillings in the year 1661 to modern day British currency, then to convert the British pounds to American dollars. According to my estimates, the following fees were to be paid in sterling or in tobacco:

Governor	\$150.00
Secretary	\$30.00
Clerk	\$37.50

Minister \$150.00
(marriage by license)
Minister \$37.50
(marriage by banns)

A marriage cost \$255.00 to \$367.50 in fees alone, not counting the bond!

As an interesting side note, a law passed later in that same 1661-62 Grand Assembly forbade the firing of guns at marriages or at "drinkings" (but allowed gunfire at burials), since the gunfire had to serve as alarms for Indian attacks, and celebratory gunfire led to uncertainty in the surrounding area as to what was happening. This revised a 1655 act that was essentially the same in banning indiscriminate firing of guns due to drinking, but had allowed firing of guns at both marriages and burials. [*Laws of Virginia*, Volumes I and II, HENING, 1823.]

Apparently earlier efforts did not suffice to reduce the instances of unlawful or unsuitable marriage, as shown by an act passed in 1670, requiring that a marriage license be issued only by the clerk of the county in which the prospective bride and her parents or guardian lived, with the personal consent of her parent or guardian. A clerk who did not abide by this law would forfeit his position. The justification for the law was that complaints had been made that "diverse persons to the defeating [of] the law and defrauding [of] parents and guardians of that naturall right and just privilege in disposing of their children or orphans in marriage, have clandestinely procured the clerke of other counties then that the parents live in, to give them certificates for lycences, and soe the parents by the inequality of the match dishonoured, and the child ruynated in her fortunes." [*Laws of Virginia*, Volume II, HENING, 1823.]

Those of us who have experience with the history and genealogy of the frontiersmen know that accomplishing a legal marriage was sometimes difficult in the area now known as Appalachia, including modern West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky. Colonial Virginia and the early Commonwealth of Virginia passed many laws regulating the who, when and where of how marriages could be performed. For many years only marriages performed by a recognized, licensed minister of the Church of England were accepted as legal marriages, making it difficult to marry in wilderness areas with few churches (even fewer of which had full time pastors), particularly when the law required a minister to read the banns for three Sundays.

Although many aspects of the law were liberalized over time, specific exceptions were still required for "the western waters" as late as 1792, as demonstrated in a law enacted that year: "[A]ll publications of the bans of matrimony on the western waters of this commonwealth, shall be made on three several days, and not in less time than two weeks, in open and public assemblies, convened for religious worship

or other lawful purposes, within the bounds of the respective congregations or militia companies in which the parties to be married severally reside; and for a certificate of such publication, the person making same, may demand and receive fifty cents." Inability or refusal to be married by a licensed minister was addressed in two ways. Itinerant ministers, those "not stated and settled within some parish, or with some christian congregation within this commonwealth," were not to be given official credentials. Marriages among "the people called quakers and menonists, or any other christian society" that had their own practices for uniting couples were recognized as legal in an act of 1780, and reaffirmed in 1792. The 1792 act also declared legal any otherwise lawful marriages performed before July 1, 1785, by magistrates and others not authorized by law but "induced by the want of ministers to solemnize marriages," then waived any penalties for those who had performed such marriages. [*Laws of Virginia*, Volume X (1780), HENING, 1822, and *Statutes at Large of Virginia*, Volume I (1792), by Shepherd, 1835.]

Throughout the 17th and 18th centuries, Virginia legislative bodies periodically enacted, reenacted and reinforced every aspect of marriage law, including requirements for ministers and clerks to record all marriages, births, baptisms and/or deaths in each parish and to turn in copies of their lists to the governor. Some of these parish records survive today and serve in place of or in addition to actual county government vital records.

The 1780 act, "An act declaring what shall be a lawful marriage," was the earliest I found that specifically required those who performed marriages to record those marriages directly with the county clerk: "And that a register of all marriages may be preserved, *Be it enacted*, That a certificate of every marriage hereafter to be solemnized signed by the minister celebrating the same, or in the case of quakers, by the clerk of the meeting, shall be by such minister or clerk, as the case may be, transmitted to the clerk of the county wherein the marriage is solemnized, within three months thereafter, to be entered upon record by such clerk, in a book to be by him kept for that purpose, which shall be evidence of such marriage." Thus began the series of county marriage register ledger books with which most of us are familiar, as well as a potpourri of license applications, parental consent notes, minister's returns and marriage bonds. [*Laws of Virginia*, Volume X, HENING, 1822.]

To read the full text of two examples of early Virginia marriage laws, visit our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/marriagelaws.html>.

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Alfred, W. B. Dr., Vet.	RFD 6
Andrew's Motor Co.	27 Main
Arbogast's Store, groc	2 Main Ave
Armstrong, W. H. & Co., Contractors	Homewood Addition
Arnold Milk Co., Ofc	170 W. 2d St
Art-Hemstitching Shoppe	119 E. 2d St
Arthur & McClung, groc	172 Pike (?)
Aspinall W. H. & Co. gasoline	148 W. 2d
Atkinson, J. D. Justice of Peace	18 E. 2d
B&O RR Co.	
Bank of Weston	176 Main
Barnett, L. H., Lawyer, City Bank Bldg	Cit. Bank Bldg
Bennett, Hunter M. Lawyer	133 Center
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Blair & Morrison Meats	135 E. 2d
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Brannon & Brannon, lawyers	170 Main Ave
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 Central Lumber Co. Ofc
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 Chapman, D. D., physical
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 Chipps Funeral Service
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 City Hospital
 City Meat Market
 City Taxi Co.
 Clark, J. E., groc
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 Columbia Club
 Connolly, W. T. Justice & Collector
 County Farm Bureau Ofc
 Cox, J. B. Furniture
 Crawford's Shoe & Sign Shop
 Crislip, H. L., dairy
 Cumberland & Allegheny Gas Co.
 Cure, M. D., Dr. Ofc
 Danser Mfg & Supply Co.
 Davis Beauty Parlor
 Davis Lumber Co., Ofc.
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Foster, F. J., grocery	Homewood
Fox, W. P., plumbing	214 N. River Ave
Frame, Winnie D., beauty shoppe	18 Main Ave
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Freedenburg, P. & Co., clothiers	132 Main Ave
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WV Glass Spec Co., ofc	Homewood
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HORNER School: Then and Now

by Kara LOYD

Some people say that what you learn about the past should be kept. Some people say that if you know the past the future is easier. Some people say that you can fix the future with the past. Who knows? The Central West Virginia Genealogy and History Library, formally known as Horner School, has provided an opportunity for children of all ages to uncover the past and start a brighter future for approximately ninety-seven years. The building has survived many generations of people looking to find an answer.

The Horner School had a humble beginning. According to the Lewis County Deed Books, the property of Horner School was bought from James and Martha **MILLER** June 9, 1888 for \$40. Locust Grove School was built on the property shortly after the purchase, and it stood where Bud **HARRIS** used to live. The school was converted to a house by the **FITZGERALDS** when the new Horner School was built. Locust Grove was torn down in recent years (**GILCHRIST 122**). Horner School is believed to be built around 1912-1925. When it was built, it only had two classrooms and a hallway. One classroom was for grades first through fourth and the other for grades fifth through eighth. The kitchen and auditorium was built in 1937-1938 by the National Administration, Lewis County Board of Education, and the Stonecoal Community to make jobs for people during the Great Depression (Plaque). They were killing two birds with one stone by providing jobs and a bigger school for a growing community.

The daily life and school year are remembered as "a lot like today", but still the schooling was different and simpler (Don **PETERSON**). According to Don **PETERSON**, a former student of Horner, school would start at eight and a student from an upper grade would raise the flag. Then the two classrooms would go through each subject in each grade. While one class was reciting, the other classes would be doing homework or the next lesson. Opal **JONES** taught the first four grades. The principal would then teach the other four grades. Ancil **PETERSON** was principal when Betty **LOYD** started school there in 1942. He taught at Horner until 1947. Garney **TEETER** and Mr. **HOORNER** followed. After a couple of classes, the school would have a mid-morning recess. They played games like Red Rover, Ante Over, Mumbly Peg and Marbles (B. **LOYD**). The school did not have hot lunch until Mr. **PETERSON** started it in 1946. So until then, the students had to bring their lunch meal. At noon students ate and had another recess. Softball was the main amusement because the teams had to practice for their games. The girls' and boys' teams played against Shadybrook, Jane Lew, Roanoke, and Peterson Schools (**PETERSON**). School would be dismissed at three o' clock and the students went home to chores.

It wasn't all about work though; Horner School was also big on social events. Christmas programs, plays, socials and movies were conducted in the auditorium (**PETERSON** and **B. LOYD**). The whole community would come out and enjoy each others' company. **PETERSON** said, "At the socials there were fish ponds, a lot of cake walks and home-made ice-cream for 5 cents a bowl." The movies were held on a big screen at one end of the auditorium. At the other end, there is a staircase that leads to the room where the projector was kept. Although the holes are covered, and the screen is gone, the black and white, hour and a half movies can't be forgotten. "We laughed then, but we really did have a good time," said **PETERSON**. There were no inside toilets in the building until the early 1950s'. **Betty LOYD** said, "We didn't have inside bathrooms until after I left. We had to walk outside where the handicapped parking is now." It seems as though the older generations seem to think that all good things change.

In the mid-1960s', the Board of Education moved the second through eighth classes to **PETERSON** School in Berlin. Kindergarten was still taught there up until February 1, 1998 (**Dr. NIACE**). On February 1, 1998, Cary **WILLIAMS**, President of Hacker's Creek Pioneers' Descendants (HCPD), signed lease with the Board of Education. As long as HCPD keep up the building and uses it for educational purposes, the building and land is theirs. The first meeting of the HCPD was at Broad Run First Baptist Church, October 1982 (**GILCHRIST-STALNAKER** 39). "The society's original purpose was to preserve history and genealogy of the Hacker's Creek watershed in Lewis and Upshur Counties, but now includes the entire Central West Virginia region," <http://www.hackerscreek.com/>. The library, itself, started with peoples own written collections of their genealogy and history they were willing to share. The small library has grown massive since its first home with Joy and Charles **GILCHRIST**. According to <http://www.hackerscreek.com/library1.htm>, the library's collection has grown to include manuscripts, published materials, photos, maps, artifacts and computerized data on thousands of names from throughout West Virginia and adjacent states. The library moved to three different locations before coming to **HORNER** School. The renovations on Horner School required grants from Wes-Mon-Ty, Senators William R. **SHARPE**, Jr. and Rebecca **WHITE** and Delegate Doug **STALNAKER** for more than \$50,000. Every year the HCPD conducts a picnic called "The Gathering." Here, members of HCPD enjoy fellowship and genealogy projects. The HCPD continues to grow and multiply the library's collection of history.

For approximately ninety-seven years, the building of Horner School and the library has provided a place for the community of Horner to gather and fellowship. It has offered a common ground or meeting place. Social events and meetings are still held there as the HCPD continue to expand their facilities. Horner School has had a lasting impact on the people of Horner and will not be forgotten

Married Twice in One Day

HARDMAN, RIDENOUR, BLACKFORD

Tipton Advertiser 11 March 1854 pg 2 col.2

At the residence of Mr. Henry **HARDMAN**, on Thursday, the 2d inst., by Rev. **BLACKFORD** Cyrus **RIDENOUR** to Miss Cynthia **HARDMAN**, both of this county. "There is a joy beyond all that the mistrel hath told, when two that are linked in one heavenly tie With brows never changing and hearts never cold, Love through all ills and love on --till they die."

There are a few facts connected with the above marriage and a tinge of romance that is to true and to good to be lost. We therefore publish them that the public may know and future generations learn that Once upon a time there happened in the county of Cedar, that one Cyrus, the diminutive, was married unto one Cynthia the great, twice upon the same day--and it came to pass in this wise that one Henry had gone out into the highways and to the farm houses and called in his guests to make merry for the honor of Cynthia who had spent the summer days of her life with him, and was now about to go out with Cyrus, the diminutive.

The guests had assembled; many smiling and bright faces were there. Henry, the master of the feast, and of the marriage ceremony, had given express orders how matters should be conducted. But lo! and behold while Henry and his good old lady were in another department of the house, and Cain, their elder son, was out at the manger, making convenient arrangements for his own gallant charger for he had been dispatched to bring in the groomsman, and had just returned from the journey, the ceremony was performed and Cyrus and Cynthia were pronounced husband and wife.

They were receiving the congratulations of their friends, when Henry and his good old lady entered the room. They were informed what had taken place, and it displeased them much, and Henry 's brow was knit with wrath and displeasure, and he said unto Parson **BLACKFORD** "It is not lawful for thee to marry this couple without license for remember that Cain had the license in his pocket and was out acting as groom. Warm altercation took place between Henry and the parson and the parson went away displeased so much so that he would not participate in the marriage dinner, for Henry had forbid the parson from making any further explanations about his domicile. The bountiful meal was over, and the day was fast passing away. The legality of their marriage was discussed with ingenuity, talent, and warmth until Henry, the master of the day, decreed that it was illegal and he would not have them live there in adultery. So he talked loudly and long about sending for a Justice of the Peace to complete in a lawful manner the work which the parson supposed he had done according to the law of the land. But when Henry grew calm and serene, he remembered that Cain, his elder son, had given to the

parson, ere he hasteth away, the license, and behold Henry fainted himself in a tight place! So he wisely concluded that he would call his messenger and send him forth to summon the parson again to his residence and in his presence: and he came although reluctantly.

He ordered the parties again upon the door. Part of Henry's invited guests, for there were many, were in the dining room still feasting. Henry crieth out, with a loud voice - Hold on until all my guests shall have come in. The parson obeyed and when all were assembled in the room, and Henry beheld that all things were

right and in readiness, he commanded that the ceremony should proceed and it did. And Cyrus the diminutive and Cynthia the great, were bound twice with the silken chord and heavenly tie, upon the same day and it pleased Henry and all present well. It then appeared satisfactory to all concerned, and Henry exclaimed how good a thing it is for brethren to dwell in peace together. So he and the parson set down at the table in brotherly love and peace, and ate long and heartily together. The remainder concerning the marriage will be written in another Book. A.R.

*Cedar Documents maintained by Connie Street with the
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Queries ??????????

1. Seraiah **STRATTON** was b. 7 Jul 1740 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., Connecticut. He was the son of Seraiah **STRATTON** (1706-1758) and Eunice **CASE** (1703- ?) and he supposedly married a Hannah **AUGER** as his second wife. Where did she come from? I have never found that name anywhere. Seraiah died after 1793 on the Upper Tract in Pendleton Co., WV. Does anyone have the exact death date? All the land records I find show his wife to be a Catharine ? If anyone knows of this family, would appreciate hearing.

Daughter of Seraiah **STRATTON** and Catharine ? - (above query) was a Eunice **STRATTON**. She was b. 11 Nov 1771 in Pendleton Co. She married Charles **FISHER** before 1789 and she died in Lewis Co. Charles was the son of George **FISHER**, Sr.(1745-?) and Elizabeth **CONRAD** (1746-?), born 25 Aug 1770 in Pendleton Co., WV.

Eunice and Charles had the following children: George, Phillip, Hannah, Betsy, David and Mary. They are buried in the **FISHER** cemetery, which was on their land. That area is called "Dutch Hollow". Is that on Gee Lick in Lewis Co.?

Jonathan **SWOPE** was born in Wolf Creek, Monroe Co., WV 5 Jan 1784, s/o Joseph

SWOPE/SWAB (1751-1819) and Frances **LEGG** (1785-1848). Jonathan **SWOPE** died 5 Apr 1872. They are buried in the Wolf Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. They had daughter Elizabeth (Betsy) **SWOPE** b. in 1810 same area and she married Isaac **ARGABRITE** in Jan 1829. Betsy died in 1858 and Isaac died 7 Feb 1856 - both in Spencer, Roane Co., WV, where they are buried in the Spencer Memorial Cemetery.

Looking for the death dates/locations of the above Seraiah **STRATTON**; Eunice **CASE**; George **FISHER** Sr.; Elizabeth **CONRAD**;
Bette Butcher **TOPP** toppline@comcast.net - 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218 [509] 467-2299

2. Anxious to exchange & /or get additional information on my **CAPITO** line especially wife Nancy's ancestry. Daniel **CAPITO** b. ca 1770, d. 1824 Dry Fork VA as he was riding horseback to Beverly. Wife Nancy d. ca 1826 (surname not documented) **HERDEBERG** or variations of... Have also seen surnames of **MERCHANT** and **HILLIE**.

Daniel owned large pieces of land Pendleton Co. VA(W).
Children: Catherine "Kitty" b. ? married Charles **HAMILTON**
Isabella Elizabeth b. Jan 11, 1797 m. Andrew H. **BYRD**
Sophia 1803 m. James Harrison **CRAVENS**, moved to IN
George 1805 moved to IN d. there in 1839
Daniel 1806 m. Jerusha **HART** lived in Randolph Co.
Peter 1807 m. Hannah Annie **WEDON**, moved to IN
Julia Ann 1808 m. Henry D. **STEINBECK** .moved to Lewis Co.VA (W) raised 9 children

Found some of the **CAPITO** line living in Ohio before Indiana
Shirley **TOOHEY**S2ee@juno.com
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3. Who were the parents of Jemima **TAYLOR** b. abt. 1796 d. 1856 in Kerns, Randolph County? She married James **MCGEE** b. 1790. He was from Ireland. Was a merchant in Baltimore, MD before coming to West Virginia. He was listed as a lawyer in Randolph County in 1815 according to the book, "A History of Randolph County West Virginia" by Bosworth page 177. Jemima **TAYLOR** had a baby out of wedlock .and it was bound over to the Courts. Solomon **COLLETT** and his wife raised the child. It is said Solomon dated Jemima before he married to Sarah **PETRO**.

Jo **FORTNEY** juwannaf@aol.com , 1410 Lee St., E., Charleston, WV 25301

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